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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<i>Group:</i>	3731	}
<i>Confirmation No.:</i>	5422	
<i>Application No.:</i>	10/758,372	}
<i>Invention:</i>	SOFT TISSUE LOCKING DEVICE	
<i>Applicant:</i>	Herbert E. Schwartz et al.	}
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<i>Attorney</i>		}
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

MAIL STOP Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2006, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.